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PRACTICE NOTE

Exercise Evaluation: Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security's Red Card System

PRACTICE

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is developing a standardized exercise evaluator identification card that lists the evaluator's areas of expertise.

DESCRIPTION

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is developing a set of identification cards for exercise evaluators. These "Exercise Evaluator Red Cards", modeled after the wildland fire incident qualification system red cards, provide a detailed list of the areas of an exercise that the evaluator is trained to observe and to evaluate. The evaluators are assigned proficiencies based on their past experiences in emergency response as well as training they receive from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

The Bureau of Homeland Security's exercise managers have determined that the best way to organize the information presented on the Red Cards is by Emergency Support Function (ESF). These proficiencies are then described on a standardized Red Card, which the evaluator can present to exercise managers to inform them of the evaluator's areas of expertise. While most of the proficiencies are listed by ESF, specialized teams such as Bomb Squad or SWAT are broken out from their component ESFs and described individually.

Organizing the evaluator's expertise by ESFs has two primary benefits: first, it allows the exercise managers to readily identify which aspects of exercise play the evaluator is qualified to observe; and second, it aids with the development of after-action reports (AAR). Evaluators provide succinct, knowledgeable input to the writers of the AAR on the aspects of the exercise directly related to their expertise. Once an evaluator is issued a Red Card he or she is then placed into a statewide directory that provides exercise designers with a pool of pre-qualified and trained evaluators.

Idaho HSEEP Exercise Evaluator Qualification Card	
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ESF Qualifications: ESF 2 ESF 6	
Special team qualifications: EOD	
Training Certifications: Exercise Evaluation SHSEEP Eval Orientation	Course Number: G 130 ISU 131

Sample Red Card

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